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1. DURING MARCH 26 MEETING WITH EDWARD MATYJA, VICE DIRECTOR, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, FINANCE MINISTRY, SCIATT RAISED MATTER OF PER DIEM PAYMENTS FOR POLISH RESEARCHERS IN US UNDER POLISH JOINT-FINANCING PROPOSAL. SCIATT NOTED THAT IN DISCUSSION WITH CHOWANIEC MARCH 15, EMBASSY HAD CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT UNDER POLISH PROPOSAL, THE US WOULD NO LONGER BE PERMITTED TO CONVERT ZLOTYS TO DOLLARS FOR PER DIEM PAYMENTS (SEE PARA 2 REFTEL). MATYJA APPEARED SURPRISED AT THIS, STATING THE POLISH POSITION IS THAT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE STOESEL-KRZAK AGREEMENT WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE, INCLUDING CONVERTIBILITY OF ZLOTYS TO DOLLARS FOR PER DIEM PAYMENTS. HE THEN TOOK UNUSUAL STEP OF PHONING CHOWANIEC ON THE SPOT TO CONFIRM THIS.

2. DURING APRIL 12 MEETING BETWEEN SCIATT AND CHOWANIEC (WHO HAS BEEN ABSENT FOR SOME TIME), CHOWANIEC SAID POLISH POSITION ON TRAVEL IS THAT
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STOESEL-KRZAK AGREEMENT WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE UNDER

JOINT FINANCING. IT APPEARS, THEREFORE, THAT CHOWANIEC,
WHO IS NOT AS FAMILIAR WITH TRAVEL FUNDING AS MATYJA,
SPOKE OUT OF TURN IN MARCH 15 DISCUSSION.
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